Legislation for checking pollution

1821. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring any legislation for checking pollution in the hazardous industries; and

(b) if so, the detals thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The existing legislation on water and air pollution and environment provides for checking pollution in the hazardous industries. Further legislation will be introduced as and when necessary.

Plans for revolutionising elementary education

1822. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to come forward with a basic plan to revolutionise elementary education *i.e.* to impart training even at the tender age to improve children's skill and to imbibe in them the sprit of dedication with a view to improving the quality of abundant human resources available in the rural parts of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has presented a framework of a National Curriculum for Elementary and Secondary Education which contains, *inter alia*, a common core alongwith other components that are flexible. The common core comprises the following:

— The history of India's freedom movement;

— The constitution obligations;

— Content essential to nurture national identity;

— India's common cultural heritage;

— Egalitarianism, democracy and secularism;

— Equality of the sexes;

— Protection of the environment;

— Removal of social barriers;

—Observance of the small family norm; and

— Inculcation of the scientific temper.

Government have decided to review the National Policy on Education 1986.

Payment of overtime to chowkidars of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1823. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 929 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether chowkidars employed in Kendriya Vidyalayas are being paid any overtime allowance or are being granted any compensatory leave for the duties performed by them for 15—16 hours at a stretch; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) The working hours of Chowkidars start at the closing of Offices/Vidyalayas on the duty day and end at their opening, the